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SUBJECT: ENDOWMENT OF UNIVERSITY CHAIR

FOR STATE FOR CU AND EUR/CE; USIA FOR IEU

- 1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS CHANCELLOR KREISKY PURSUING PLAN OF A KIND OF AUSTRIAN "BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO THE U.S. "BY HAVING AUSTRIAN ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS CHAMBERS OF LABOR AND OF INDUSTRY, TRADE UNIONS, ETC., COLLECT FUNDS, TO BE MATCHED BY GOA, FOR ENDOWMENT OF CHAIR OF AUSTRIAN STUDIES AT YALE UNIVERSITY. PLAN WAS ORIGINALLY DISCUSSED BETWEEN YALE PROFESSOR ROBIN WINKS, IN HIS CAPACITY OF CONSULTANT TO THE DEPT. ON THE U.S. BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE. IT HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION HERE OVER THE PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS OR MORE.
- 2. IT IS CLEAR IN THE RECORD THAT THIS ENDOWMENT IS NOT ONE REQUESTED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT; THAT IT IS CLEARLY A PURELY AUSTRIAN MATTER, AND THAT ERP FUNDS NOW USED FOR THE FULBRIGHT-HAYS EXCHANGE PROGRAM WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR IT. STILL, KREISKY SEEMS TO EXPECT SOME INDICATION FROM EMBASSY THAT USG WOULD VIEW PROJECT WITH FAVOR. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT THIS IS INDEED THE CASE. IT MIGHT BE WELL ALSO FOR DEPT. TO CHECK WITH YALE (DEAN JOHN PERRY MILLER OR ROBIN WINKS) TO ASCERTAIN HOW PROJECT IS VIEWED BY UNIVERSITY AT THIS TIME. MEEHAN

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